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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention.
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
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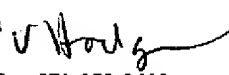
2. FURTHER ACTION

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International application No.

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-23 YES

Claims NONE NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims NONE YES

Claims 1-23 NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-23 YES

Claims NONE NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-23 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over what is well known in the betting art as "Parimutuel betting" as is disclosed by Wikipedia and was invented in 1865.

For claims 1,5,8,11-14, in Parimutuel betting all bets of a particular type are placed together in a pool and payoff odds are calculated by sharing the pool among all bets. The receipt of a 1st bet is inherent to betting. The claimed first quote is the amount of the bet. For this kind of betting the results of events are received and the amount of a payout is determined after the bets are made. Not disclosed is that the first quote related to a total number of points that a participant may earn in a plurality of events. It is well known in the art of betting that one can place a bet on the total number of points that a NASCAR driver may earn in a championship event (such as the championship event formerly known as the Winston Cup series). Las Vegas has for a long time been taking bets on how many points a driver will earn for the season and who will win the championship. In a general sense, one can bet on just about anything. It is also known that one can be on how many points a football team will score in each of the 4 quarters (events) of a football game, as well as the total number of points for the game. Betting on how many points a participant will earn is nothing new and is what happens with the NASCAR championship series. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use a parimutuel betting system for the betting of the number of points a NASCAR driver will earn for the season. The number of points is the claimed total number of units that the participant can earn. NASCAR has a plurality of events, which are the various races throughout the season.

For claims 2,6,7 the providing of an upper index and a lower index is what is known as providing an over or under for points. One can bet that the total points will be over the over/under number, or can bet that the points will be under the over/under number. The over is a number and the under is a number. It would have been obvious to use the over/under scheme of betting with Parimutuel betting as this is a very well known form of betting.

For claim 3,4, while not disclosed by the reference, to have one bet on how much money one may earn over the course of a season, or to be on horse jockeys, is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. As stated previously, one can place a bet on just about anything. To claim a specific type or kind of event that the bet is placed on is something that is obvious and that involves no more than ordinary skill in the art.

For claims 9,10, this claim is reciting the act of taking a bet after the Winston Cup series has started, something that is also obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. One can place a bet at any time as long as the bet taker is willing to take the bet.

For claims 15-23, to simply use computers to automate the process of taking bets and processing the payouts is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. This is just using modern computers to assist in what would otherwise be a manual process. Automation of a previously recognized as manual process is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.